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LETTER DATED 20 FEBRUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation during the period from 12 to 18 February 1992, as follows.

12-13 February 1992

Twelve sorties flown by four two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,000 m, centred on Irbil, Mosul, Tall Afar, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

13-14 February 1992

Twenty sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at a speed of 800 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

14-15 February 1992

Twenty-two sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations and six single aircraft at speeds of 750-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-7,200 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Irbil.

At 1045 hours on the same day, two F-111s overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 km/h and at an altitude of 300 m.

At 1100, 1125 and 1216 hours, three two-aircraft Jaguar formations overflew Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 km/h and at altitudes of 30-50 m.

15-16 February 1992

Twenty-two sorties flown by one three-aircaft formation, seven two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 1,500-6,500 m, centred on Dohuk, Zakho, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Dukan and Ayn Zalah.

17-18 February 1992

Thirty-six sorties flown by 18 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 750-850 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-7,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Sinjar, Rawanduz, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Amir AL-ANBARI
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